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Title: GARAGE DOORS REINFORCEMENT SYSTEM

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DECLARATION OF ALLEN BERGER, JR.

The undersigned declares that:

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1. I am the inventor in this application and U.S. patent No. 6,062,293 entitled GARAGE DOOR REINFORCEMENT AND METHOD.

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2. I have been in the garage door business since 1976. Our garage door company sells over 10,000 garage doors per year.

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3. We have experienced a marked competitive advantage ever since we introduced the reinforcement claimed in my above-referenced patent. Other competitors have shown interest in our patented product and intended to buy our company.

4. Since I invented the improved reinforcement, subject of the present application claims, I have been able to pass the high wind tests using less

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open reinforcement trusses (inside the garage reinforcements). We have gone from three trusses to one truss and we obtain the same results.

5. Going from three trusses to one has reduced substantially the overall reinforcement costs of our doors and still pass the high wind tests.

6. Prior to my present invention I did not know, nor did I suspect, that bringing the internal unitary reinforcement in direct contact with the interior surface of the joints was going perform this well and save us these substantial costs. The conforming longitudinal portions have been directly responsible for our commercial success.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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